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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, and Conville
Zone, Reservoir C, BEAR CREEK FIELD, Bienville
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO E&P COMPANY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, and to the Conville Zone, Reservoir C, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated L HOSS A RA SUG.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as Operator of, and its JL Jordan No. 3 Well (located as shown on an attached plat) as the unit well for, the proposed additional unit.
4. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-68, effective January 27, 2004, to include the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, underlying L HOSS A RA SUG, so as to approve the downhole combination of production from the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, with the intervals approved for downhole combination in this Order.

5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 78-AA series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit for the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A.

6. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A.

The Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991.

Conville Zone, Reservoir C

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Conville Zone, Reservoir C.

2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Conville Zone, Reservoir C, such unit being designated CON RC SUA and being shown on an attached plat.

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To designate applicant as Operator of, and its Crawley No. 1 Well (located as shown on an attached plat) as the unit well for, the proposed unit.

5. To provide that future wells drilled to the Conville Zone, Reservoir C, be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

6. To define the Conville Zone, Reservoir C, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 7,096 feet and 7,195 feet in the El Paso--Crawley No. 1 Well, located in Section 30, Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

7. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-68, effective January 27, 2004, to include the Conville Zone, Reservoir C, underlying CON RC SUA so as to approve the downhole combination of production from the Conville Zone, Reservoir C, with the intervals approved for downhole combination in this Order.

8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Conville Zone, Reservoir C.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana

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70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Gilbert at the expense of the requesting party.

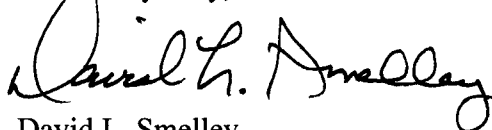
By letter dated September 5, 2006, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2006. No request for the pre-application conference was received; therefore, no conference will be held.

Attached hereto are two (2) plats outlining Applicant's proposed units, which plats are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,



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Attorney for El Paso E&P Company, L.P.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Ms. Sheridan Jones (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

